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CHAMBER

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- 1. WHILE AT BULGARIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON ANOTHER MATTER, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN TOLD ME THAT CHAIRMAN RAZLOGOV STILL HAD NO WORD FROM DAVID GOLDY OF US CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REGARDING HIS TRIP TO US AND SIGNING OF AGREEMENT. (IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT GOLDY INITIAL AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH JOINT COUNCIL HERE WITH MUCH FANFARE AND GREAT PROMISES.) WHILE EXCORTING ME OUT OF BUILDING, ANOTHER CHAMBER OFFICIAL SAID PEOPLE IN CHAMBER ARE BEGINNING TO WONDER IF GOLDY AND COMPANY WERE UNHAPPY WITH TREATMENT THEY RECEIVED SINCE NEITHER GOLDY OR ANY MEMBER OF HIS GROUP HAS EVER WRITTEN A THANK YOU NOTE TO ANYONE AT THE CHAMBER.
- 2. THIS IS A PERFECT EXAMPLE, SITUATION WHICH CREATES SUSPICION OF US MOTIVES AND EVEN ILL-WILL. US CHAMBER TRIP HERE WAS NOT POSSIBLE WITHOUT CERTAIN BULGARIAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OFFICIALS EXPRESSING CONFIDENCE IN THE SINCERITY OF

US CHAMBER AND BENEFITS OF COOPERATION WITH IT. LACK OF ANY RESPONSE OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM US CHAMBER PUTS THIS CONFIDENCE IN REAL JEOPARDY. FURTHER, IT IS BECOMING A VERY EMBARRASSING SITUATION FOR THE EMBASSY. WE DEPEND ON THE CHAMBER FOR ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING MEETINGS FOR US BUSINESSMEN AND FOR SPONSORING TRADE MISSION VISITS SUCH AS THE ONE WHICH VISITED HERE IN DECEMBER. WE NEED THE CHAMBER'S GOODWILL.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: GOLDY BE CONTACTED PERSONALLY, EXPLAIN THE SITUATION TO HIM AND SUGGEST HE CONTACT RAZLOGOV SOONEST. PLEASE ADVISE EMBASSY WHEN GOLDY INFORMED AND HIS REACTIONS.
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